MISSION TO KALDOR PART ONE

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At VISCOUNT mission control steps out of mobile homes and walks along by the side of the monorail to the cliff edge, where PROFESSOR TREVITHICK is waiting.

SANDINGER I don't want to worry you but the papers are saying our ship has encountered alien life.

TREVITHICK We'll know when THE VISCOUNT touches down , some time today Is jenny up yet .

JON SANDINGER She's determined to be ready to open the new visitors center

When TREVITHICK gets to his office his daughter is making the visitors center ready for when a coach load of tourists arrive .

SHE GETS TO THE DISPLAY AND INFORMATION AREA AND STARTS GETTING HER STATION

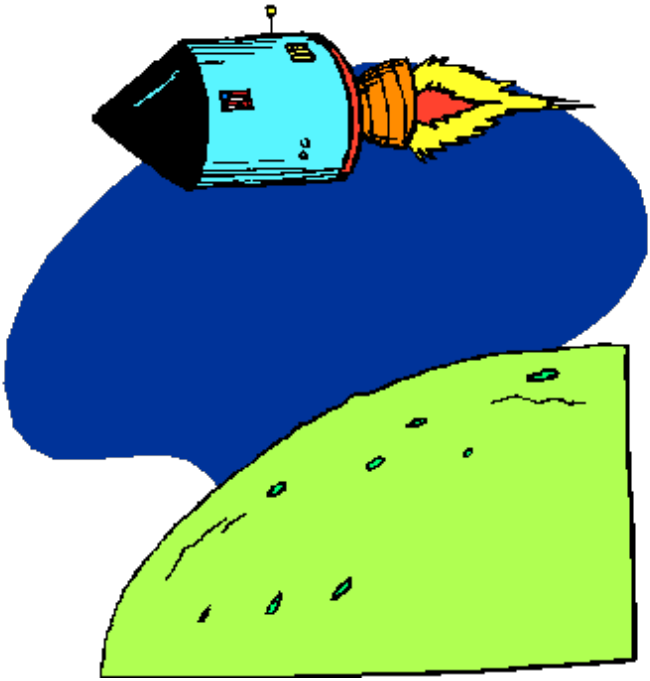
READY FOR CUSTOMERS,

TREVITHICK Me and James are mission control so send him in when he arrives.

JENNY Yes dad, I'll page you ,

JAMES SWIFT COMES THROUGH THE GLASS DOORS PASSING RECEPTION TO THE BACK OFFICE

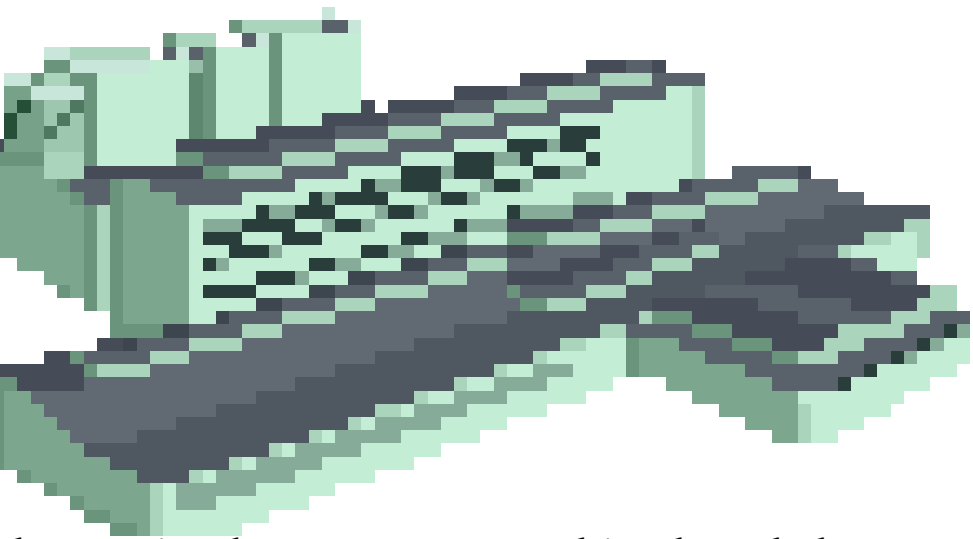
JAMES SWIFT The BRITISH SPACE CENTER WANTS FULL REPORTS, AND THEY'LL COMMISSION ANOTHER SPACESHIP, YOUR DAD IN .



WHEN THE VISITORS CENTER OPENS, it's showing the launch of the VISCOUNT,
OUT IN SPACE THE BULK CRUZER VISCOUNT IS USING BRAKING THRUSTERS TO SLOW ITS APPROACH TO EARTH
JIM FERGUSSON reverse thrusters into earth orbit
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD ALL HANDS BRACE FOR IMPACT
GENE TELL HIM JIM , I'M GOING UP TO MY ROOM ALONE
GABBY MACDOOGLE Get on and make a report for ground control, so I can transmit as we reach earth
Ships log- First contact has been achieved by me ERIC YOUNGBLOOD when i space walked through a DIMENSION gate near JUPITER and found myself on the other side of the galaxy on a large space station orbiting planet KALDOR .
GABBY MACDOOGLE Course for Southern England laid in captain .
THE SHIP GAINS SPEED THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE PLUMMETING TO EARTH
GABBY MACDOOGLE KEEP YOUR NOSE UP AND

TRY TO PUSH THE TAIL DOWN JIM
JIM FERGUSSON TURBINES TO SPEED
THE SHIP FIRES ITS TURBINE JET ENGINES AND THE POWER GIVES JIM THE CONTROLLED DESCENT THROUGH A CLOUD BANK .
GABBY MACDOOGLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL THIS IS THE VISCOUNT REQUESTING FLIGHT CLEARANCE TO THE TITAN POTHOLE .I'M NOT GETTING ANY ANSWER WHAT WE GONNA DO
ERIC CAN WE START PANICKING ,
GABBY MACDOOGLE NO I'VE GOT THEM,
AT MISSION CONTROL A LARGE CROWD HAS ASSEMBLED ON THE HILL OVERLOOKING THE RUNWAY, AND AN AIR OF EXCITEMENT INCREASES WITH CONFIRMATION OF THE LANDING
KATE SHAW JOINING ME IS VISCOUNT PROJECT COORDINATOR JON SANDINGER OF
SANDINGER WE HAVE FOUND HUMANOID LIFE AND WILL WANT THERE HELP TO DEVELOP SPACE EXPLORATION WITH THE BULK CRUZER VISCOUNT AND WERE CONSIDERING OUR NEXT MISSION .
A TRUCK PULLS UP AND STARTS REVERSING
SANDINGER AH that's our new crew quarters for the astronauts, just in time , I'll have to get them ready,
He uses a walkie talkie to call the professor stationed at the side of the blast off ramp saying [jenny can you help with the new mobile home]
KATE SHAW WELL THE VISCOUNT IS TOUCHING DOWN AS WE SPEAK
VISCOUNT LANDS ON THE RUNWAY SLOWS PAST THE RAMP AND ONTO A FRAME LIFTING IT INTO ITS ROCKET SILO .
GABBY MACDOOGLE
from a tannoy speaker on the roof of the visitors center [touchdown of the first voyage of spaceship VISCOUNT]
The ship lowers into its cradle inside the silo carved out of the rock of the TITAN pothole .
Jim joins Gabby , Gene ,and Eric in the crew quarters and they leave through the bulkhead door and climb onto the steel rig

next to the ship and walk along to an elevator .
GENE MOCKFORD My heart is where my liver should be .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD First flight nerves I'd say now expect a hero's welcome .
JIM FERGUSSON They'll all be after your autograph ERIC.
They walk through the crowd into a waiting car
FROM THE TANNOY SPEAKERS ON THE VISITORS CENTER
[There go the astronauts back to there training camp and we can confirm a successful mission included launching satellites on the moon and mars and also contact with life on the other side of the galaxy .a full statement will be available shortly]
SANDING RUNS TO THE LOOSE GRAVEL CAR PARK STEPS INTO THE DRIVING SEAT ,THEN DRIVES TOWARDS THE CROWD, AND THE ASTRONAUTS ALIGHT THE PASSENGER CABIN,
GENE lets just get back and make our report
JIM I second that
Sandinger I'll get you back to the university and stay for the meeting of THE TRUSTEES .



That evening the VISCOUNT crew drive through the gates of Leeds university and park opposite a glass fronted building where

there greeted by the VICE CHANCELLOR
VICE CHANCELLOR GET YOURSELVES UNPACKED COME UP TO MY SUIT AND LET ME KNOW ABOUT THE VOYAGE.
GENE MOCKFORD Right oh
VICE CHANCELLOR I'LL GET ONE OF MY DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO WRITE THE BOOK, READY FOR A SUMMER RELEASE AND KEEP THE PRESS OFF OUR BACKS.
BANNAN Macera has phoned and he's sending a reporter from science weekly for a exclusive interview when the flight crew are rested
They walk up a narrow path across the grass and through a high wire fence to the university playing field and along to the main campus building .
IAN BANNAN I'f the trustees see your VIDEO DOCUMENTARY they'll be thrilled, but they'll want two way real time communication with the JUPITER SHUTTLE .
VICE CHANCELLOR YOU LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU NEED IAN,
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD And with planet KALDOR that i can report as being friendly ,and part of a GALACTIC FEDERATION made up mainly of humans with a few other intelligent alien races .
SANDINGER WE'LL I'VE GOT TO GET ANDREW BACK TO FELIXSTOWE
GABBY MCDOOGLE Call us the minute the international new agencies want an update .
THYE CARRY ON TO THE CAMPUS AND JON SANDINGER AND ANDREW GO BACK TO HIS CAR .
ANDREW STERLING I was hoping i could go over to DALLAS and get a green card residency , as the americans love the space program so much
THE NEXT DAY THE CREW OF THE VISCOUNT ASSEMBLE IN THE ROOMS WHERE SARAH DOUGLAS IS WAITING [yellow blouse, gray skirt]
SARAH DOUGLAS I'll need statements from all of you, though I've told the news agencies that science weekly has an exclusive, and their reporter FIONA PLUMPTON .
They walk past reception and through a throng of students to a

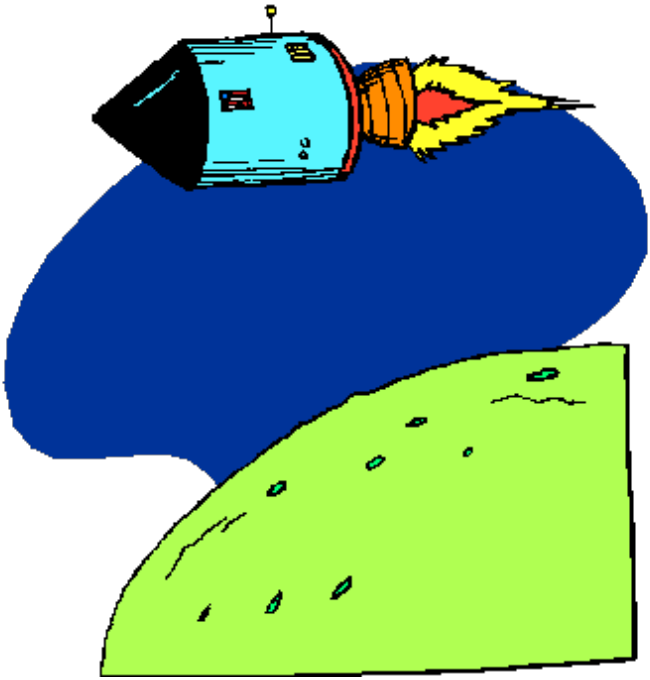
conference room where the VISCOUNT COMMITTEE is waiting .
ERIC stands at the head of the table and makes his presentation with still images he took on the voyage .
VICE CHANCELLOR MARTIN EMERSON For the benefit of the trustees, my chief scientist here at the university designed a CYCLOTRON and PARTICLE ACCELERATOR and we sent it out with the JUPITER shuttle .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD When the VISCOUNT made it to JUPITER I tested the DIMENSION GATE and was transported to the far side of the galaxy and met humans from KALDOR .
JIM FERGUSSON When we left the JUPITER SHUTTLE v31 VOC robot was on station waiting for us , and monitoring our section of space for our security. He has communication with KALDOR and if we can get back to JUPITER then we'll have a link with KALDOR and the GALACTIC FEDERATION .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD I was given a guided tour of their main city by STENTON RELL a KALDOR POLICEMAN and had a tour of there advanced city while they tracked down a criminal
JIM FERGUSSON iF YOU SEE OUR REPORT, The RUTON threat to galactic peace was heightened by their theft of the blueprints of VOC robots, and software.
IAN BANNAN Yes and your report has been backed up by this message
He gets up from the long conference table and switches on a viewing screen showing a star field outside the JUPITER CAPSULE
THE view becomes the interior where v31 is sitting at the communications console.
V31 report for the people of earth , a wanderer class starship has been dispatched to apprehend a criminal who has stolen blueprints and software of the VOC class robot.
IAN BANNAN My first proposal is a chain of satellites linking earth with JUPITER for instant two way communication .
MACREA get me the design IAN and i'll help, I've got a factory making transistor radios and packaging can be made at NEWTOWN .
IAN banan I've got a design for a light wait satellite, that

can become a communications chain with JUPITER and via v31 with KALDOR.
VICE CHANCELLOR MARTIN EMERSON Then another voyage for the VISCOUNT shall become top priority .
The meeting ends and the delegates file out of the conference hall,
The crew of the VISCOUNT walk through reception and leave the main building and take a side path to their residency with FIONA PLUMPTON from science weekly .

THE NEXT DAY THE CREW OF THE VISCOUNT HAVE THERE FIRST DAYS TRAINING IN THERE ROOMS AT THE UNIVERSITY
IAN BANNAN I'm constructing light satellites that can be ejected via the VISCOUNT launch tubes .
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD like I did with the MARS botanical domes .
IAN BANNAN they'll form a chain of satellites creating two way real time communication with the JUPITER SATELLITE

JIM FERGUSSON Where there's a V-O-C robot manning advanced KALDOR comm unit through the DIMENSION gate .
IAN BANNAN Once you're at the JUPITER shuttle you'll have to build a space station ,with the help of V-O-C ROBOTS from KALDOR .
JIM FERGUSSON And we follow the V-O-C robots to KALDOR and confirm our status in the name of our sponsors GLOBAL CHEMICALS
YES IT'S THAT EYE IN THE SKY IT'S SYLVESTER MAKITTLEY TODAY COOKING WITH CULTURE COMES FROM THE

LAUNCH OF THE VISCOUNT.....



JON SANDINGER parks on the loose gravel car park opposite the new visitors center and the crew of the viscount walk around the back towards mission control

JON SANDINGER Global chemicals who finance this mission are very keen to forge links with KALDOR and the galactic federation .

JIM FERGUSSON In the spiritual trade and cooperation

JON SANDINGER Just think you'll be famous as the ones who make first contact with the humans of the galactic federation

From a large tannoy speaker mounted on the flat roof of the visitors center comes the announcement T minus 30 minutes commentary from mission control. You join us here for the second mission of the VISCOUNT rocket program .

And if the visitors make their way they'll find full detail of their first mission to Jupiter when they made some very interesting discoveries .

JAMES SWIFT I can't actually tell the viewing and listening public that we make contact with humans and the other side of the galaxy .

JENNY TREVITHICK though they'll find out eventually,

T minus 10 minutes two blast off

a large crowd has gathered on the hill near the monorail that takes the VISCOUNT down steep slope and then transfers momentum to the twin turbine engine space plane

The space suited astronauts are just coming out of mission control at the back of the visitors center and walk through up to where the ship has just left its silo and is ready on the monorail . They alight into the ship and commence lift off procedures . Jim Ferguson takes his place in the cockpit with Gabby McDougall next to him with Eric and Gene in the operations center .

GABBY MCDOOGLE Turbines to speed

JIM FERGUSSON disengaged docking clamps bring the monorail up to full power .

The VISCOUNT charges down the steep hill and up the other side gaining speed as the twin turbine jets thrust it to 40,000 feet before the main booster fires powering the craft into space .

THE SKY IS REPLACED BY A VIEW OF THE NIGHT SKY AND THE CREW FIND THEMSELVES WEIGHTLESS.

GABBY MCDOOGLE We have achieve breakaway speed and we are now in space

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD as you can probably feel being weightless going over to secondary power high octane fuel burn every 10 seconds we'll increase speed with constant acceleration .

JIM FERGUSSON CHECK FOR A HOMING SIGNAL FOR THE JUPITER SHUTTLE, AND PLOT A COURSE TOWARDS JUPITER

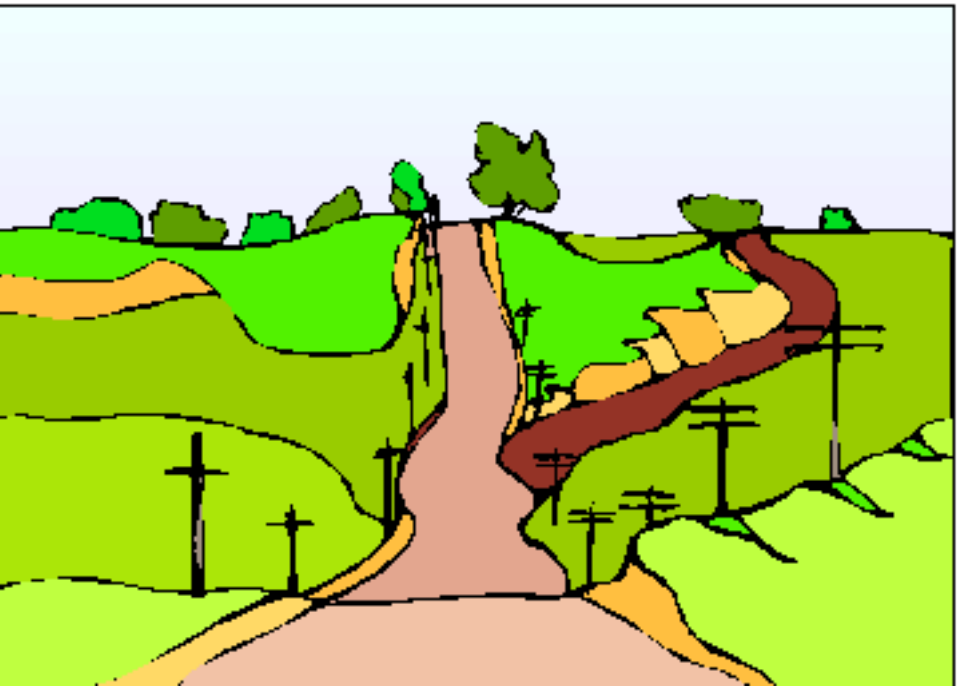
ERIC YOUNGBLOOD I have a signal from the Jupiter shuttle

GABBY MCDOOGLE Eric if you just get the mobile satellites ready for launch into the launching tubes ,I'll tell you when to launch them .

GENE MOCKFORD You can then check each one gives two-way communication with mission control .

ERIC YOUNGBLOOD How about that we've even got video signals video messaging with earth now .

GENE MOCKFORD And all I have to do is link up with KALDOR and we'll be part of the galactic federation .



At LEEDS UNIVERSITY Peter Elgin is met by Sarah Douglas and Ian Bannon and
hey enter the glass fronted main building and cross reception to the VISCOUNT
COMMITTEE room
AN BANNAN mission successful so far the VISCOUNT will arrive at
JUPITER within the hour .
Jupiter shuttle so and the other delegates and trustees are the VISCOUNT
committee are always in the main conference center
PETER ELGIN This is top priority for GLOBAL CHEMICALS
AN BANNAN The chance of gaining contracts and the latest advances ir
echnology makes this a thrilling adventure
PETER ELGIN And I want global chemicals to be at the forefront .